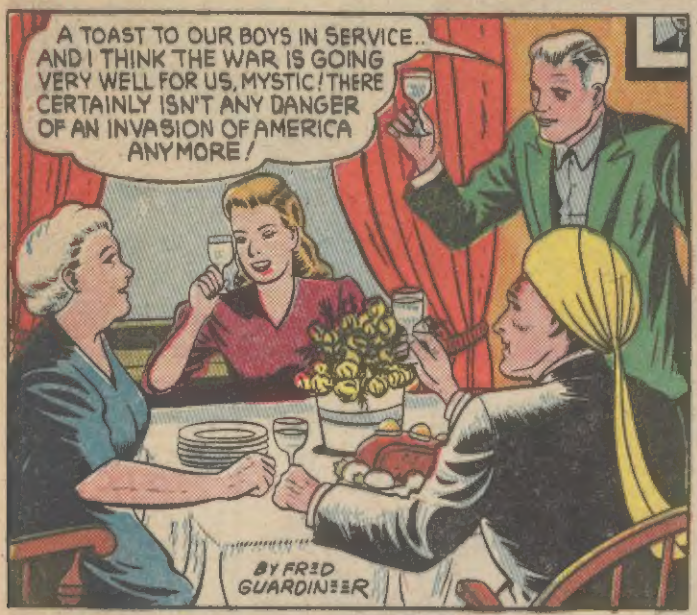
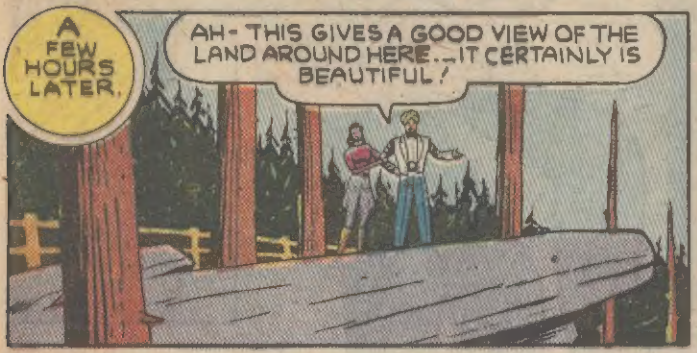
MR. MYSTIC

ESCAPING FROM THE CONFINES OF THE CITY, MYSTIC SPENDS A FEW DAYS OF QUIET REST WITH SOME FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY.


A TOAST TO OUR BOYS IN SERVICE.. AND I THINK THE WAR IS GOING VERY WELL FOR US, MYSTIC! THERE CERTAINLY ISN'T ANY DANGER OF AN INVASION OF AMERICA ANYMORE!
BY FRED GUARDINEER

MAYBE NOT, BUT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR ANY EMERGENCY. BUT ENOUGH OF THIS WAR TALK! I'D LIKE TO TAKE A WALK AROUND THE COUNTRYSIDE...YOU KNOW... FRESH AIR, EXCERCISE AND STUFF LIKE THAT!
OH, GOOD! I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND OUR LAND!



I NEVER WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IT! LOOK AT HIM SHAKING HANDS WITH THAT JAP... HE...HE'S A FIFTH COLUMNIST!
WHO'S YOUR GIRL FRIEND, MYSTIC?
I'M GOING TO WARN THE COUNTRYSIDE...THE JAPS HAVE COME AND MR. MYSTIC IS A TRAITOR-
WHAT'S SHE RUNNING AWAY FOR? AFRAID OF MY LOOKS?
YES, ZENZO...YOU UNDERSTAND WHY OF COURSE. WE HAD BETTER GET TO HER HOUSE BEFORE SHE TELLS EVERYBODY!
OH..HEAVENS..MYSTIC AND THOSE JAPS ARE FOLLOWING ME! AND I KNOW WHAT THE NIPS DO TO WOMEN!
DAUGHTER! WHAT'S THE MATTER...YOU'RE ALL OUT OF BREATH... IS ANYTHING WRONG?
(PUFF, PUFF) THE JAPS ARE HERE! AND MYSTIC IS LEADING THEM RIGHT TO THIS HOUSE!
WHAT! AN INVASION? DAUGHTER, YOU CALL THE ARMY CAMP AND THE NEIGHBORS WHILE I GET MY SHOTGUN! I AIM TO GET THAT MAGICIAN, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO ME!
ARMY HEADQUARTERS? THIS IS MISS RANDALL-THERE ARE JAPS ON OUR LAND! THEY MUST HAVE PARACHUTED DOWN... WE'LL DO OUR BEST TO HOLD THEM OFF TILL YOU GET HERE!
HUH? JAPS? YES, LADY...WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM RIGHT AWAY...AND YOU SAY MYSTIC THE MAGICIAN IS A TRAITOR?

WAIT TILL YOU HEAR THIS, SIR! THE FARMERS AROUND HERE ARE ALL EXCITED ABOUT SOME JAPS LANDING BY PARACHUTE -
HA! HA! HA! THAT'S A HOT ONE! JAPS - HA! HA!
YES, BUT THESE FARMERS ARE A HARDY LOT AND THEY'RE PREPARING TO MEET "THE INVASION"!...
HMM... WELL SEND A DETAIL OF MEN TO THE RANDALL PLACE BEFORE SOME ONE GETS HURT!
MEANWHILE, THE JAPS, LEAD BY MYSTIC, APPROACH THE FARMHOUSE...
THERE'S THE HOUSE AND WHAT YOU BOYS WANT IS RIGHT OVER THERE!
HAH! THERE'S MYSTIC! I'LL LET HIM HAVE THE FIRST BARREL!
WHAM
BUCKSHOT! MY HOST ISN'T KIDDING!
POW
I'LL HAVE TO USE MY MAGIC POWERS BEFORE THAT SHOTGUN LETS DAYLIGHT INTO ME!

WHAT TH- ! MY GUN'S TURNED INTO A BROOM ! THAT MYSTIC'S USING HIS MAGIC AGAINST US !
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT ! AN AMERICAN HERO LIKE HIM GOING OVER TO THE JAPS !
GUESS IT'S SAFE FOR ME TO ENTER NOW ! HELLO, MY FRIENDS !
DON'T GIVE US THAT STUFF ! YOU...YOU TRAITOR ! YOU'VE GOT US IN YOUR POWER AND I SUPPOSE WE'LL BE TORTURED BY THOSE YELLOW FRIENDS OF YOURS !
WHAT ? ALL THOSE JAP FRIENDS OF MINE WANT IS A GOOD COOL DRINK OF YOUR WELL WATER !
BUT AREN'T WE INVADED ?
NO ! NO ! YOU'VE GOT THESE BOYS ALL WRONG ! THEY'RE AMERICAN SOLDIERS OF JAPANESE DESCENT AND ONE OF THEM IS A FRIEND OF MINE - THEY'RE HAVING MILITARY TRAINING BEFORE THEY GO OVERSEAS !
I... I'M...
...GOING TO FAINT...!
-OOH-
GUESS "THE INVASION" HAS BEEN TOO MUCH FOR HER !
WELL ! I'M POWERFUL SORRY I POURED LEAD AT YOU, MYSTIC ! YOU TELL YOUR FRIENDS TO MAKE THEMSELVES RIGHT AT HOME ! I'LL CALL THE ARMY CAMP AND TELL THEM NOT TO BOTHER TO HELP US.. THE INVASION'S ALL OVER !
..YES..A BATTALION OF THESE JAPANESE-AMERICANS, ALL BORN IN HAWAII, COVERED THEMSELVES WITH GLORY AGAINST THE GERMANS IN THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN...
AND HOW ABOUT SOME MINCE PIE FOR DESERT ?
NOW YOU'RE COOKING WITH GAS ! WE'RE CERTAINLY GLAD WE "INVADED" YOUR FARM !